

TODAY

Faculty and staff members can attend a Chinese culture program at 1:30 p.m. today in the K-State Student Union Big 12 Room. Students are also welcome to attend. For more information, see Page 7.

WEATHER

TODAY


High 59
Low 32

FRIDAY

High 40
Low 27

SPORTS

The K-State baseball team pulled off another victory Wednesday against Northwestern. For coverage, see Page 6.



Telefund raises \$1.2M for students

By Shelton Burch
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Students and faculty from all nine colleges at K-State helped the KSU Foundation raise nearly \$1.2 million in pledges this year from alumni across the country, despite the current economic situation.

The event, which took place from Feb. 1 to March 2, included 25 student-calling sessions during which approximately \$1.2 million was earned for scholarships and other student programs. The event was coordinated by the Foundation, which has been running the event annually for about 30 years.

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TELEFUND TOTALS FROM PREVIOUS YEARS:
2007: \$1.3 million
2008: \$1.3 million
2009: \$1.2 million

Schulz to speak at SGA meeting

By Steven Miller
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

President-select Kirk Schulz will speak at Thursday night's Student Governing Association meeting. The meeting is open to all students.

Student senators will vote on two resolutions, two amendments, and 13 allocations.

The resolutions are to re-search the continuation of the K-State shuttle service and to make the K-State Center for Child Development – and child development in general – a priority.

The amendments will continue title and responsibility changes to the Student Senate standing

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SCHULZ
PRESIDENT-SELECT

Candidates discuss concerns with students

By Steven Miller
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

City Commission candidates addressed student concerns at a forum on Wednesday in the K-State Student Union. The forum was in anticipation of the upcoming election for city commissioner. Dalton Henry, senior in agricultural economics and student body president-elect, led the panel.

There were three main issues discussed: the smoking ban, a viable mass-transit system and rental inspections.

"My mother died of a three-pack-a-day habit," said city commission candidate Vincent Tracey in respect to the city-wide smoking ban, visibly moved. "My sister had to have her left lung removed, and I have to be tested yearly because

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Alarming alerts



Photo illustration by Nathaniel LaRue | COLLEGIAN

Vehicle burglaries are becoming more common in Manhattan, and to combat this, the Riley County Police Department patrolled different areas of Manhattan between Tuesday and Thursday and placed flyers on cars that were likely targets.

RCPD uses new approach to warn of increased burglaries

By Jenene Heavey
KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Imagine a young college student leaves his or her home only to find the passenger door of the car open.

With no trace left behind, this student is a victim of burglary. Countless CDs, an iPod and \$50 in cash are gone. More could be gone, but it's still unclear. If only the door had not been left unlocked.

Unfortunately, vehicle burglaries are becoming more common in Manhattan, and Capt. Tim Hegarty of the Riley County Police Department, said 53 percent of the burglaries out of the 50 reports this year are from unlocked vehicles. A total of 271 vehicle burglaries were reported in 2008, with 83 percent from vehicles that were unlocked.

To crack down on the high rate of burglaries, between Tuesday and Wednesday, RCPD patrolled areas where there have been a high rate of burglaries. RCPD placed fliers on vehicles to alert the owners to the burglary problem and offer suggestions for protecting their property.

For the remaining days in March, patrols will mail notices to registered owners of vehicles that appear to be inviting targets for burglars.

In addition, a new Crime Stoppers commercial is being released to demonstrate and promote vehicle security. A map

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CRIME STATISTICS
50 vehicle burglary reports have been filed this year
56 percent have been from unlocked vehicles
Average value of property stolen and/or damaged: \$750
Total losses reported: \$35,997

Committee approves 9 projects to benefit city, K-State

By Brandon Steinert
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Nine projects mutually benefiting K-State and the Manhattan community were approved by the City/University Special Projects Fund Committee for 2010 Wednesday night. The fund comes from sales tax and franchise fees generated from K-State.

RECYCLING, SORTING FACILITY

The committee agreed to request \$150,000 for the creation of a recycling and sorting facility.

The current facility is an old house north of the main campus. According to the budget request document, the current facility is hazardous, too small and inadequate to support K-State's recycling needs.

The building that housed the wind erosion lab is the proposed new home of K-State's recycling operation.

The building was damaged in the June 2008 tornado and vacated by its USDA occupants. K-State took over the building, and the funds are planned to be used for roof repairs.

The requested funds would be used in combination with \$106,100 allocated for 200**EMERGENCY**

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COURTESY PHOTO

The KSU Recycling Center will relocate to this building from a separate smaller building.

Current First Lady honored as part of library's historical display

By Karen Ingram
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

More than 60 people gathered in the Hemisphere Room of Hale Library to pay tribute to Ruth Ann Wefald on Wednesday night. The First Lady of K-State unveiled her portrait among gasps and appreciative murmurs from the crowd. She said she was honored, and that she knew what it felt like to love and be loved.

Sharon Reagan, president of the Friends of the K-State Libraries, presented Ruth Ann and President Jon Wefald with a plaque naming them as lifetime members. A second plaque will be on permanent display in Hale Library.

Michaeline Chance-Reay, assistant professor of secondary education, gave a 10-minute speech about the history of the first ladies of K-State. She is the author of "Land Grant Ladies: Kansas State University Presi-



WEFALD
FIRST LADY

tial Wives" and has spent more than a decade doing research on the women, traveling to more than a dozen states to gather photographs and conduct interviews. When she first started in 1996, the only information University Archives had on the first ladies was contained on three sheets of paper.

"We didn't even have first names for most of them," Chance-Reay said.

Just outside the Hemisphere Room, the portraits of the other 11 first ladies of K-State were displayed, along with photos, books

and other artifacts about the lives of these women. Ruth Ann's portrait will join the others in a permanent display in Hale Library in the near future.

Chance-Reay said she is excited about meeting Noel Schulz, wife of President-Select Kirk Schulz, and the future 13th first lady.

"She'll be the first First Lady with a Ph.D.," Chance-Reay said.

Ruth Ann has already met Noel, and said she thinks Noel will do a great job.

She said her advice to the future first lady was: "Be yourself; follow your heart."



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Yesterday's Cryptquip: IF A PRODUCE SHOP'S SPECIALTY IS OFFERING FRESH-PICKED CORN, MIGHT YOU CALL IT A STALK MARKET?

Today's Cryptquip Clue: B equals P

YOU SUCK | BY NOLAN FABRICIUS AND JEFF BROWN

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HEY - WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

A FRIEND INVITED ME OUT TO LUNCH, SO I'M GOING TO GRAB SOMETHING TO EAT.

YOU'RE ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT THESE "OTHER FRIENDS"... HOW COME I'VE NEVER MET THEM?

BECAUSE YOU'RE A LIABILITY.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

THE LAST TIME I TOOK YOU TO A PARTY WITH MY OTHER FRIENDS YOU WENT AROUND WARNING EVERYONE THAT THEY SHOULDN'T SHAKE YOUR HAND BECAUSE IT "SMELLED LIKE THE INSIDE OF A BUTT."

OH- I'M SOOO SORRY THAT YOUR FRIENDS CAN'T TAKE A JOKE.

PLUS, I DON'T REMEMBER EXACTLY WHICH NIGHT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, SO IT MAY HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN A LEGITIMATE WARNING.

IF IT MAKES YOU FEEL THAT BAD, YOU CAN COME ALONG. JUST PROMISE ME YOU WON'T BE WEIRD.

YOU CAN COUNT ON ME.

THANKS.

I SHOULD MENTION THOUGH, IN ALL SERIOUSNESS, TODAY IS NOT REALLY A GOOD DAY FOR ME TO SHAKE HANDS WITH ANYONE.

FOR PERSONAL REASONS.

THAT MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE TO DO WITH THE WAY THE INSIDE OF A BUTT SMELLS.

THE PLANNER

Intramural entries for indoor soccer will be accepted today in the administrative office at Peters Recreation Complex. Sign up a men's team or a women's team. League play begins Wednesday. For more information, call 785-532-6980 or go to www.recservices.k-state.edu.

Practice interviews for international students will be from 2 to 4 p.m. today in Holtz Hall. The event is sponsored by Career and Employment Services.

KSU Campaign for Nonviolence will be host to a showing of "Black Gold" at 7 p.m. today in the Hemisphere Room at Hale Library. Coffee cooperatives and fair trade topics are presented in this film about coffee and trade. Complimentary fair trade refreshments will be provided.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral disserta-

tion of Mbakisa Onyango at 8 a.m. Friday in Fiedler 088. The thesis topic is "Verification of Mechanistic Prediction Models for Permanent Deformation in Asphalt Mixes Using Accelerated Pavement Testing."

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of David E. Thompson at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Justin 254. The thesis topic is "I Set the Tone: The Role of Biological Mothers in the Successful Formation of Stepfamilies."

The KSU Roller Hockey Club will be host to its annual alumni game at the Junction City Roller Rink, 915 S. Washington in Junction City, on Sunday. Warm-ups begin at 9:30 a.m., puck drops at 10 a.m. Admission is free. There will be a game and between-period events. For questions, contact Jerry Remsbecker at 785-532-5971.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Paula Ford at 9 a.m. Monday in Justin 128. The thesis topic is "The Local Food Environment and its Association with Obesity Among Low-Income Women Across the Urban-Rural Continuum in Kansas."

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Michael Weltsch at 10:30 a.m. Monday in Bluemont 368. The thesis topic is "A Study of Community College Presidential Qualifications and Career Paths."

Kimberly Wiggans will give the lecture "Women, Domestic Violence and Immigration: A Legal Perspective" at 3:30 p.m. Monday in the K-State Student Union Room 212.

The Graduate School announces the final


oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Trinity Davis at 2:30 p.m. April 2 in Bluemont 257. The thesis topic is "The Reading Achievement of Kansas Urban African-American Fifth Graders Before and During No Child Left Behind."

The Sexual Health Awareness Peer Educators Program is looking for members. Earn three credit hours, gain leadership experience, improve your public-speaking skills and inform your peers about being safer. Applications are available at www.k-state.edu/lafene/SHAPE and must be submitted by April 3 to Lafene 268 or shape@ksu.edu.

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FOTOFOURUM PIC OF THE WEEK

Andrew Blackburn, junior in mass communications and English, submitted this photo he took while in Prague, Czech Republic, during spring break. Blackburn visited Prague and Vienna, Austria, along with fellow members of the K-State Concert Choir as they performed in Europe on a music tour.



WANT TO SEE YOUR PHOTO ON PAGE 2?

To try to get your photo on Page 2, e-mail it to ksufotoforum@gmail.com. FotoFourum photos will be posted on kstatecollegian.com, and the best one of the week will be printed right here every Thursday — space permitting. Don't forget the rules: no nudity, obscene gestures or text, and no product placement. Also, if you want, include information like your year and major, what's going on in the photo, when it was taken and even camera and lens information.



DAILY BLOTTER

To view the daily arrest report from the Riley County Police Department, go to the Collegian Web site, kstatecollegian.com.

CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

There was an error in Tuesday's Collegian. Mark Taussig said he met with the city manager, not the city commissioners. The Collegian regrets the error.

If you see something that should be corrected or clarified, call news editor Ann Conrad at 785-532-6556 or e-mail news@pub.ksu.edu.

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History of the American West in Film and Literature

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Introduction to LEED

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The Beat Generation

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TO THE POINT

TO THE POINT is an editorial selected and debated by the editorial board and written after a majority opinion is formed. This is the Collegian's official opinion.

RCPD actions mark cars for burglars

Several students probably walked out to their cars this morning to find a white sheet of paper on their windshield from the Riley County Police Department stating, “If I were a thief, I would have burglarized your car!”

On the piece of paper, RCPD officers reported the time, date and reason why they thought the vehicle would be an easy target – either valuables were in plain view or a door was unlocked.

While we appreciate the RCPD making an effort to inform residents about the rise in burglary in Manhattan, we do not understand why police officers have to make our vehicles an easier target for potential burglars.

Local burglars probably already know about these sheets and are looking for them. Officers have already done half of the job for them.

The sheets include valuable statistics about vehicle burglaries in Manhattan and numbers to call if people see suspicious activity, and they certainly make an impression on the vehicle’s owner. But they could also make an impression on criminals.

The RCPD needs to find a better way to inform the public of the increased rate of burglaries in the area and efficiently spend taxpayers’ money. Whether through a billboard advertisement or inserts in local newspapers, people need to know about this trend without having their valuables put at an increased risk.

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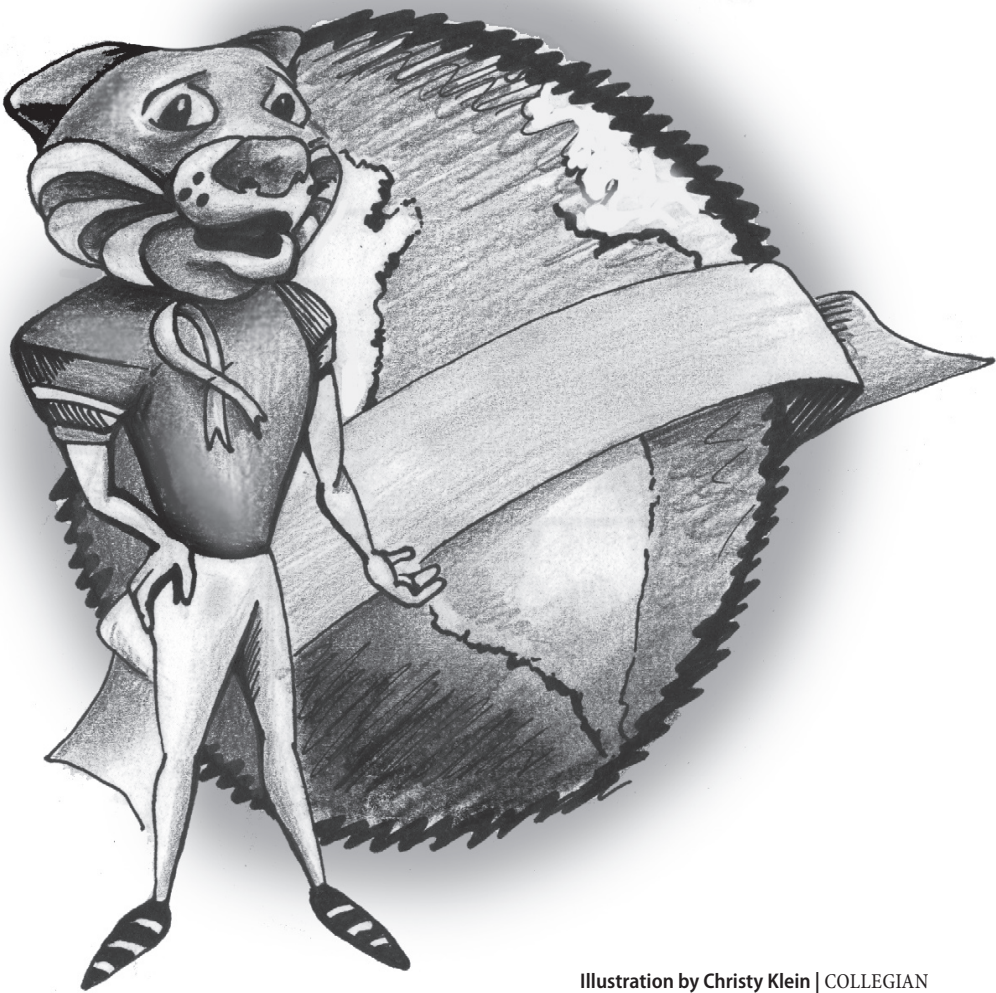


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Epilepsy affects many, awareness important for all



KELSEY HOPSON

Today is Purple Day, but it has nothing to do with K-State or March Madness. Last year, March 26 became a day dedicated to raising awareness about a commonly misunderstood condition of the brain called epilepsy.

I never really thought about epilepsy until it affected someone I knew. It is a lot harder to ignore when you come face-to-face with someone who has to live every day with the word “epileptic” as a label.

Take for example a 9-year-old girl with epilepsy named Cassidy Megan from Nova Scotia, Canada. She organized Purple Day and is determined to stop discrimination against those suffering from sei-

zures and the misinformation about epilepsy among the general populace.

Cassidy’s courage to speak out about her condition has led to an international effort to tell the world the truth about epilepsy. In honor of Purple Day, I decided to read through the information provided on www.purpureday.org and found some interesting statistics.

I learned that at least one in 10 people will experience a seizure in their lifetime. Like many who believe seizures are uncommon, I was surprised to discover that more than 50 million people have epilepsy worldwide. There are more people suffering from epilepsy in the world than multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy and Parkinson’s disease combined.

I have also learned that epilepsy is not a disorder, disease or mental illness. It is not contagious, but it is a chronic and lifelong condition. And while anything that causes brain injuries has the potential to cause seizures, epilepsy is a condition defined by recurring seizures. Having one seizure does not qualify someone as epileptic.

The Anita Kaufmann Foundation,

which educates the public about epilepsy and works with Purple Day, defines epilepsy as a “condition caused by sudden brief changes in the brain’s electrical balance, causing seizures.” The disruption of normal nerve cell activity in the brain affects people differently based on the location in the brain.

Some seizures involve convulsions, but others might include a blank stare, muscle spasms, uncontrolled movements or altered awareness, meaning the person is unaware of what is happening and might speak incoherently or behave strangely.

Epilepsy can affect anyone at any age. There is no cure, but there are many different medications and surgeries available to control and in some rare cases even eliminate the effects of epilepsy. It is so important to spread the word about epilepsy to help advocate improvements in health care and the overall quality of lives of people living with epilepsy.

Kelsey Hopson is a sophomore in music and English. Please send comments to opinion@spub.ksu.edu.

Payment for success a subpar learning tool



BOBBY GOMEZ

Many school districts across the country, including ones in Washington, D.C., New York, Texas and soon Illinois, have begun an educational experiment. The experiment is designed to pay children for success in behavior, academics and attendance. Each student has the potential to leave school with hundreds of dollars. The goal of the research is to encourage success.

All the schools participating in the experiments are located in high-poverty areas and are already failing institutions. This fact seems to have provided economists like

Kirabo Jackson of Cornell University with a false sense of righteousness that the experiment is meaningful reform for those in need.

In a New York Times article, Jackson said, “[Disadvantaged students] may work a little harder and may find that they aren’t so bad at [school]. And they may learn study methods that last over time.”

Still, the possibility that disadvantaged students might learn some good study habits does not outweigh the negative effects extrinsic rewards have on students.

All students struggle to balance pressure. Now, imagine you are a student who comes from a home with little money and are being paid for your success. The pressure must be inconceivably great.

In Washington, D.C., 14 public schools are taking part in an experiment called Capital Gains. Capital Gains is financed by SunTrust Bank, Borders and the Education Innovation Laboratory at Harvard University. An interest account is created for each participat-

ing student at SunTrust Bank. Then checks are deposited in their accounts as a reward for good grades, attendance and behavior.

For decades, educational psychologists have warned that extrinsic rewards can undermine learning. Yet, in the Times article, economist Roland Fryer of Harvard said, “We have to get beyond our biases ... and let the data do the talking.”

If you let the data do the talking, you will find that research demonstrates that rewards work in the short term but have damaging effects on students in the long term.

One of the first research studies on this subject was conducted in 1971 by Edward L. Deci, a psychologist at the University of Rochester. Deci reported that when extrinsic incentives stopped, students showed less interest in a task than those who received no reward.

Barbara Marinak, assistant professor of education at Penn State, and Linda B. Gambrell, professor of education at Clemson University, published a recent study

in the academic journal Literacy Research and Instruction journal that indicated that rewarding third-graders with small prizes actually cut down on the amount of time they spent reading.

School districts must look in the mirror and recognize the burden financial incentives can cause disadvantaged students. School districts must not be misled by economists and business people who claim they have the answers to educational reform. If we are to solve the issues facing America’s children, we must stand by research.

Rather than using millions of dollars to kill the desire to learn, we could be providing disadvantaged districts with funds to recruit qualified teachers, which is even more vital for the disadvantaged schools in our nation’s capital.

Bobby Gomez is a senior in elementary education. Please send comments to opinion@spub.ksu.edu.

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To the girl in the baby blue Fidel Castro hat: unless you led a coup in 1963 to establish a Marxist society, take it the hell off.

I think the people who live above us play marbles on the floor every night.

I am to organic chemistry like nose hair is after a sneeze.

Whoever stole my black hoodie that says “Trinity Cross Country Senior 08” on it, please return it to the front desk at the Rec, no questions asked.

It’s either those damn marbles, or they’re really clumsy.

Who wants a tacky kiosk in front of a tacky parking garage?

Does your boyfriend like to look at other girls’ thingies? Drop the porno, boys.

No, she can say it. The word “vagina.” If you’re in a committed

relationship, and your boyfriend can’t stop looking at other girls’ vaginas, drop his butt.

Boy here to shack, in need of girl.

I have a big bed.

Wow, Fourum, way to spell. It’s S-t-e-w-a-r-t. Thanks for ruining my chance at true love.

Pete and Repeat rent a boat. Pete fell out to his left. Repeat.

For the cost of tuition, is it too much to ask for a staff teacher that speaks decent English?

If people want to know where Professor Grumwald keeps his

mustache, ask Austin.

Derby Dining Center is the leading cause of obesity.

“A Penchant for Laffs” is comic genius.

Lambda Chi does not negotiate with terrorists.

To the two girls that sit in the back of my biochem class, could you please shut your mouths? Thanks.

Sensation dance party. Tuttle Creek Boulevard Friday night.

Be part of the night, dress in white.

I’m sorry I called you a cow, but

maybe you shouldn’t pick a fight when you weigh over 300 pounds.

To the blonde girl that waved at me from the black truck from the corner of Denison and Claflin at 2:30 today: you’re gorgeous. We should date.

If you think it’s cool to always have a pair of sunglasses on your head, you might be a frat boy.

Check out our Web site for the rest of today’s Fourum.



THE EDGE

Progressive dreams

Senior starts new sorority, works to improve relations with other organizations



Chelsy Lueth | COLLEGIAN

As president of Gamma Rho Lambda, **Chelsey Fritch**, senior in music theater, officially founded the progressive sorority at K-State in 2008.

By Molly Sanders
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

With strong composure and a rare self-assurance, Chelsey Fritch relayed with pride how her dream of bringing a progressive sorority to K-State became a reality.

Fritch, senior in music theater and president of Gamma Rho Lambda, said she started working to bring a chapter to K-State's campus in 2006 and made it official in 2008. Gamma Rho Lambda, sometimes dubbed the "lesbian sorority," is not just for lesbians. It also has several straight members and allied members – women who are not gay but are supportive of the sorority's cause.

"Calling [Gamma Rho Lambda] a lesbian sorority is highly inaccurate," Fritch said. "It's a sorority for lesbians, bisexuals, transgendered and allied women. Calling it a lesbian sorority is leaving out a huge chunk of our members, including several straight women

and a transgendered adviser."

One of Fritch's motivations for bringing a chapter to K-State was the end of the Gay-Straight Alliance at K-State in 2006.

She said when the GSA was no longer active, the only place for members of the gay community to find support was the progressive fraternity, leaving little to no support for lesbians.

"It was just something I wanted to do," Fritch said. "I felt it was important ... and the men had a house, so why not the women? It just made sense to me."

Though the sorority welcomes anyone and has been relatively well-received on campus, some think there is a rift between Gamma Rho Lambda and other greek organizations. The house is a National Panhellenic Council member, and they hold mixers and formals just like other sororities. The house has also paired with other greeks' philanthropies, like Earth Ball.

One of the main goals of the so-

rority is to get more tolerance and acceptance from the community and to be recognized as a respectable, responsible group. Fritch also said she thinks students overlook the advantages of having a progressive women's group on campus in terms of overall diversity.

Though the sorority might have met more opposition at K-State in comparison to other universities because of the relatively conservative outlook of the community, Fritch said she was not afraid of the challenge.

"I've never taken the easy road anywhere," she said. "So why start now?"

Fritch said the close-knit community is one of the biggest attributes of the sorority. The women promote sisterhood, just like any other sorority, but Fritch said she thinks they go beyond that.

"We've had a lot of women who have come out to their families, even just as allies, who have been completely disowned," Fritch said. "So, it's more

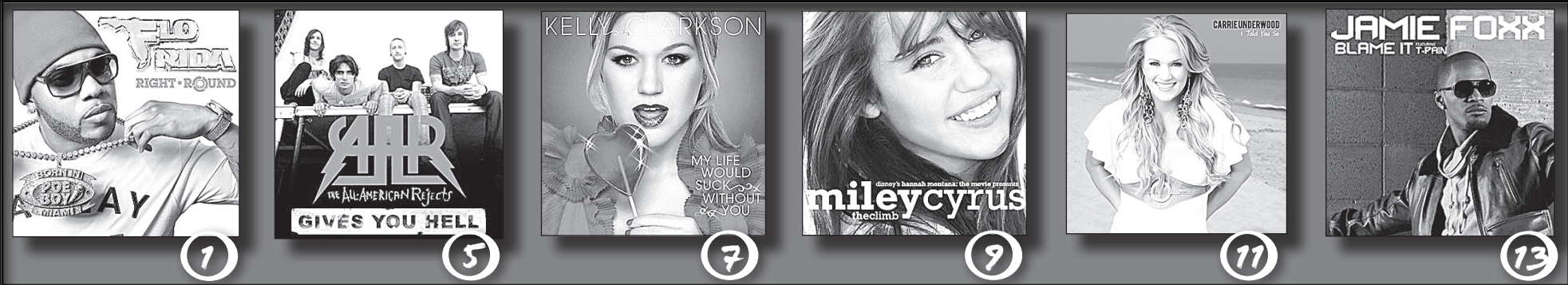
than a sisterhood. It's a family. For some women, this is the only family they've got."

As president, Fritch knows the group has a long way to go and is working hard to make sure the sorority will be ready to move on and move forward after she leaves in December. She has already begun making plans for the transition by having other members shadow her.

Gamma Rho Lambda might face more difficulties after her departure without a central location. As an un-housed sorority, they usually have chapter at Fritch's house or at Bluestem Bistro in Aggieville. Fritch said the sorority is not looking for a house and said she does not think it needs one to keep improving.

"We're always working to increase our numbers and increase education amongst ourselves," she said. "But as long as that stays strong, the sorority will stay strong."

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LIFE OF AN AWKWARD GRAD

Irrational fears, chances for embarrassment haunt student for years



ADAM
REICHENBERGER

The other day, I dislocated my finger while brushing my teeth.

It didn't make sense to me either, and it hurt like hell.

Scott's childish enjoyment of this injury proved no help, so I finished brushing my teeth, and while debating which painful process to use to pop my digit back into place, the sucker just slid back in. Perfect. Painful, sure, but perfect.

So now I have that to deal with, too.

One more fear that most people just don't understand. Every time I've brushed my teeth since, I've been overly cautious and wary. I just know it's going to happen every time now. I just know it. But it never does. Still, I fear.

My other two fears I've carried with me for years. I don't really know how the first one came about, but it haunts me every day.

I have this fear of breaking my wrists every time I open a door. Not every time, I guess, but whenever I can't see through the door and I have to pull it open. I just know someone is pushing on the other side at the exact same time. I'll reach my hairy little wrist out there, and right then, that knob will slam into it and crush it to a thousand pieces.

The kitchen door in the museum I used to work at was the worst. The door swung both ways and was solid metal. Terrifying.

My other fear I can trace back to high school.

I don't believe it's ever come to fruition, but who knows. Well, the girls do, I guess.

Imagine driving to pick up a girl – some girl you really like and you're totally into. She's the end-all-be-all of women. You'd do anything for this girl – say anything, be anything, but everything comes out wrong, everything ends wrong and all that. That kind of girl – do you follow?

All right, so you go to her house and you knock on the door and give her a kiss and tell her that her hair looks amazing because it always does, and her smile melts your heart because it always does. And her eyes, those hazel eyes – those eyes you always feel like you're seeing for the first time – her eyes burn your soul because they always do. And you say, "God, you're beautiful," because she always is, and you hand her the rose in your hand and walk her back to the car. You open the door for her.

This is it. Here's your angel. At your car. Here is the moment of fear for me. At this

very moment when I open that door I am absolutely terrified that I might have farted in the car beforehand and completely forgotten about it or you know, "adjusted" to it, gotten used to it, if you will. You know what I mean? I know you do.

Scares the hell out of me.

Like I said, I don't think this scenario has ever turned out how I've feared, but only the girl would know. I mean, I could have farted before I even got in the car to drive over there, and it followed me in. You never know. Maybe I had to drive 20 minutes to her house, and I farted early on and adjusted to it, accepting that it was gone, but really it's just sitting there, as strong as ever, waiting to kick her in the teeth.

These are the things I'm afraid of. I pray they don't haunt you as well.

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The perfect destination



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Members of the Kansas City Royals participate in a game during spring practice in Surprise, Ariz.

Spring training great for baseball fanatics, gives perspective



SYDNEY EAGLETON

Spring break is a time that beach lovers head to Florida, ski lovers head to Colorado, and baseball lovers head to spring training. I have been in the latter group since high school. I go to see the Kansas City Royals in Surprise, Ariz. The Royals are in the Cactus League, and most of those teams are based in the Phoenix area.

Spring Training is set up very differently than the regular season. Practices are open, which means spectators can watch Class AA players on one field and then walk and see Alex Gordon and David DeJesus chatting on the way to their practice. The Royals practice in the same complex as the Texas Rangers, so one of the highlights of the trip was walking down to the Texas side and watching Josh Hamilton take batting practice from 10 feet away. That's what makes spring training so much fun. The games are almost as informal as the practices are. The stadiums are significantly smaller than major league stadiums, and players stop to sign autographs along the first and third baselines before and after the games. After every inning, a ball is tossed into the stands to some lucky baseball fan.

With the stadiums being smaller, there are more opportunities for players to hit home runs, and the beauty of that is found on the berm, or the grassy area beyond the outfield. These are the cheapest tickets, but can be the most fun. It's the place to catch some rays, catch some home runs and throw back a beer or four. At the Brewers and Indians game, my dad, just by being in the right place at the right time, caught a Corey Hart home run on the fly and later got Hart to sign it. Many Royals legends hang around during spring training as well, so that means the likes of Willie Wilson, Frank White and George Brett are regular fixtures on the practice fields and, from my experience, they have always been open to sharing stories about the 1985 World Series or signing a baseball. Plus, 14 major league teams prac-

tice around the Phoenix area, so it doesn't take long to make the trek to the Maryvale stadium to watch the Milwaukee Brewers play or to Scottsdale to watch the San Francisco Giants. During the week I was there, I got to see the Royals play the Cleveland Indians, a game that was less than impressive for Royals fans, including myself. I was worried until Friday when they played the Los Angeles Dodgers, and, after a slow start, beat the Dodgers 9-4. The spring training experience is one every diehard baseball fan needs to have. It is a completely different perspective and never fails to make you love your favorite team even more.

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Cats battle from behind to win game

Senior infielder **Drew Biery** runs to third base during the game against Northwestern on Wednesday night. K-State beat Northwestern 12-8 to improve to 20-5 on the year and complete the sweep.



Nathaniel LaRue COLLEGIAN

Blake Thorson KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The K-State baseball team has shown its competitive fire and scrappiness throughout the 2009 campaign, so Wednesday's come-from-behind victory should come as no surprise to the Wildcat faithful. The Cats dug themselves a deep hole as Northwestern jumped on freshman starter Kayvon Bahrnzadeh for five hits and three runs in the first two innings. Bahrnzadeh was then pulled in favor of junior reliever Mark Joukoff, who failed to retire a hitter and gave up three runs on three hits, pushing the Northwestern lead to 6-0 after three innings. Northwestern tagged on one more run off of freshman Matt Applegate in the top of the fourth to extend the lead to 7-0. The game looked as dreary as the weather for K-State, but the team immediately started coming back in the home half of the fourth.

The Wildcats used a hit-batsman, three singles and an error to tally four runs in the inning. The big hit in the inning came from little-used freshman Matt Giller who hit a two-RBI single with two outs in the inning. The Cats tacked on two more in the fifth with a Drew Biery RBI groundout, and a two-out single from senior right fielder Jordan Cruz. Cruz's 20th RBI on the year cut the Northwestern lead to 7-6. Northwestern managed one run off of senior pitcher Todd Vogel to regain a two-run advantage at 8-6. However, the Cats did not take long to respond as Giller, Manhattan product, came through once again with a one-out single and scored on junior Adam Muenster's single to give the Cats a one-run deficit. In the bottom of the seventh, a lead-off double by junior first baseman Justin Bloxom led to a sacrifice fly from Biery to tie the game. Freshman reliever Dustin Hobbs pitched masterfully out of

the pen for the Cats and received the win, facing six hitters and setting them all down, including three by punch-out. In the eighth, the Cats completed their comeback by tallying four runs on three hits, including a two-RBI single from Biery to give the senior shortstop five on the evening. The Cats then had a 12-8 lead and turned the ball over to freshman closer James Allen. Allen did not disappoint, retiring Northwestern in order with one strikeout. The win pushed the Wildcat record to 20-5, and Northwestern dropped to 4-16. Senior Dane Yelovich had three hits and sophomore Carter Jurica added three runs to his team-leading total of 31. The Cats will travel to Waco, Texas, to battle the Baylor Bears. The Cats are currently 1-2 in Big 12 Conference play, while the Bears sit at 3-3. First pitch is set for 6:30 p.m. Friday night. Live stats will be available at www.kstatesports.com.

Patterson has built up team with hardworking recruits



COLE MANBECK

Many thought the success of K-State women's basketball would have ended four years ago. Kendra Wecker was gone, as was the NCAA's all-time 3-point makes leader Laurie Koehn, who made 392 treys during her career. Nicole Ohlde graduated a year earlier than both Wecker and Koehn. Megan Mahoney, the native from North Dakota, also saw her career end after the 2004-05 season. From 2001-05, that group helped to compile a 104-27 win-loss record. They put women's basketball back on the map at K-State. But when they departed, many wondered if Deb Patterson would be able to replicate the success. But Patterson was able to. And while many may criticize her inability to get out of the second round of the NCAA Tournament, where the Wildcats have lost five consecutive times, the fact remains that she has been there seven times during her 13-year tenure. She has won six straight first-round matchups in the tournament. The Wildcats have advanced to the postseason eight straight years, while compiling an average record of 24-8 during that time. She has a career record of 265-146, which equates to a .645 winning percentage, making her the all-time winningest women's basketball coach and also the longest tenured coach in K-State

women's basketball history. Patterson has made a place that local talent wants to come to. Over the last four years, she has compiled a 90-42 record. Sure, it's not quite the level of success she experienced from 2001-05, but the Big 12 Conference has also gotten significantly tougher at the same time, especially considering the conference ranked No. 1 in the nation this past season in both the ratings percentage index and in strength of schedule. After the 74-61 loss to Vanderbilt, I've heard many people talking about her struggles in the 64-team field. But at least she's getting there, correct? Isn't that something fans begged of former men's basketball coaches Tom Asbury and Jim Wooldridge for years? I have a feeling K-State fans would have loved to have the men's team advancing to the second round of the NCAA Tournament six times in the past 13 years. Heck, the fans were enthralled with getting a taste of March Madness last year. I don't blame them, but it should go both ways. Patterson recruits students with good character. And perhaps Shalee Lehning said it best after her career-ending loss Monday. "This has been the best four years of my life, an amazing run," she said. "I have to give credit to our coaches who believed in every one of us and actually probably took us further than we ever should have been." Patterson may not always recruit the best athletes, but the ones she does recruit understand the game's intricate parts, and the most important values in life, and that's what many would say is important.

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Film to focus on fair prices in coffee growing

By Rico van Buskirk
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The eighth-annual Season for Non-violence continues this week with the screening of the internationally acclaimed film, "Black Gold," at 7 tonight in the Hemisphere Room of Hale Library.

"Black Gold" follows Tedesse Meskela, general manager of Oromia Coffee Farmers Cooperative Union, through his journeys from the coffee fields of Ethiopia to the trade floors of London and New York. There, he negotiates the sale of his cooperative's beans at a fair price — a price at which the cooperative's 74,000 farmers can support themselves.

Small family farmers supply 70 percent of the world's coffee. The farmers' efforts often do not yield an income large enough to support their basic needs.

Summer Lewis, 2005 K-State graduate and past employee of the Boston-based Equal Exchange — a fair trade importer, distributor and retailer, will introduce the film and lead the after-screening discussion.

Equal Exchange was one of the first companies to begin purchasing from the Oromia Cooperative. Lewis returns to K-State to partner with the Campaign for Nonviolence and the K-State Fair Trade Advocates in presenting this film.

"I believe the film gets people to consider what is going on outside of our comfortable, immediate surroundings," Lewis said. "I think viewers will gain perspective in observing how people struggle to live ... and to survive in other parts of the world. People will see different facets of international trade and how it affects everyone on this planet."

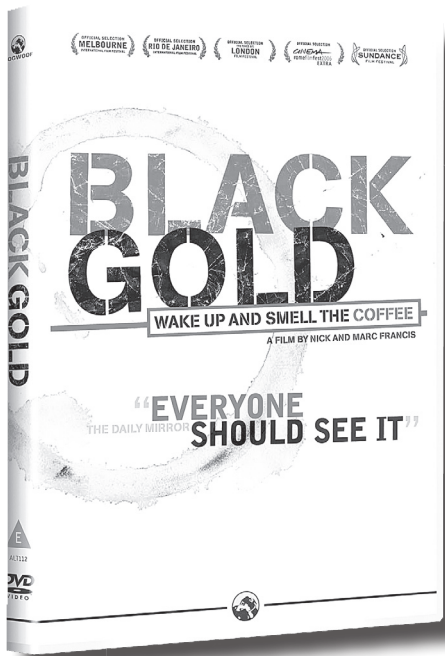
Toward the end of 2002, Ethiopia experienced a famine that affected Ethiopian coffee growers, even as the global trade of coffee was booming.

According to the film's Web site, this discrepancy motivated the producers of "Black Gold," Marc and Nick Francis, to create the film documenting the coffee trade.

"I never considered the effects of U.S. aid on a culture before seeing the film," said Iris Lewis, Summer's mother, who recently watched "Black Gold" for the first time. "We think we are doing the 'Christian thing' — feeding the world."

This pursuit of fair compensation for coffee growers motivates Tedesse Meskela to fly around the world and negotiate fair prices with coffee buyers.

Cammie Lehman, junior in women's studies and American ethnic studies, and other Campaign for Nonviolence organizers planned the 2009 Season for Nonviolence to highlight the



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human relationship with our food and food systems.

Lehman said fair trade tea and chocolate will be available.

For people who cannot attend the event tonight but are interested, the film is available for check-out from Hale Library and the Manhattan Public Library.

Program to promote better understanding of Chinese culture

By Elise Podhajsky
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

K-State faculty and staff will have an opportunity to learn more about Chinese culture at 1:30 p.m. today in the K-State Student Union Big 12 Room.

The university has had a consistent increase in undergraduate Chinese students over the past four years because of the number of K-State offices opening in the China.

These offices have created a record-high number of undergraduate Chinese students enrolled and a greater need for university staff and faculty to better understand their culture, said Carla Jones, assistant vice president of education and personal development.

The program, sponsored by the Division of Student Life and the International Students and Scholar Service, is called "Helping Chinese Students" and will feature David Graff, associate professor of history, who will lead the presentation.

"This is happening because we want our faculty and staff to be able to assist the Chinese students in helping them feel more comfortable here and to know some of the resources to refer these students to, to get help," Jones said.

Jones said that in the past the majority of the university's international students have been a part of the graduate school, meaning most had already earned their undergraduate degrees in the U.S. Therefore, she said many of the students were already acclimated to U.S. culture by the time they arrived at K-State.

But because of the significant increase in undergraduate Chinese students, Jones said a need for international undergraduate resources has increased.

"This particular program came about as a result of trying to address the needs and concerns of Chinese students and many of our international students," she said.

Though the presentation is geared toward faculty and staff, Jones said students may attend if interested.

TELEFUND | Prizes deal more with technology

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This year's event included the addition of more technology prizes.

"Our prizes include a lot more prizes like gift cards for technology prizes or laptops and things like that to help offset costs for school," said Jeff Pfannenstiel, associate director of Annual Giving and Student Programs.

However, the main reason Telefund is organized each year is the money it brings for student scholarships. While the prizes might have been more technologically savvy this year, the focus was still on

the scholarship aspect.

"We try to fund more of our prize dollars toward small scholarships because we know that that's what students really need," said Pfannenstiel, who oversaw the Telefund. "We're always trying to offer incentives and prizes to help students with whatever their greatest needs are — hopefully more of a chance to win scholarship dollars and higher dollar items that you can associate with your schooling."

This year's total pledge amount was only slightly less than previous years, even though the United States is in a deep economic crisis, Pfannenstiel said.

"We really went into this year without a firm goal in mind just because of this economy," Pfannenstiel said.

He said Telefund coordinators did not know what to expect going into this year's event but were "very happy" with the outcome.

"Calling people and asking them for support during these times is always challenging," he said. "It really speaks to the loyalty and generosity of K-Staters that even during these times that, even though their gift may have been a little bit less than last year, they still want to give."

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RCPD | Warning flyers create mixed opinions among students

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of Manhattan has been released, illustrating the locations of burglaries up to 2009. According to a recent press release, the hope is that through these efforts, citizens will take greater steps to protect themselves and their property against burglaries.

Frankie Morales, senior in anthropology, said a flyer was left on his car at Eighth and Laramie streets between 8 and 11 a.m. yesterday.

"I think it's slightly ridiculous to go around and [put flyers on cars]," Morales said. "I see what they're interested in. But it's like saying, 'Oh, I could've stole your car.'"

He said his doors were locked, but he "had a dashboard CD player in, some CDs ... not really much [valuable] there."

Morales said it is the owner's responsibility to keep the doors locked and valuables you do not want to part with in the trunk or out of sight.

"I think it's inventive, but it's a one-shot thing," Morales said. "I could see criminals targeting those cars if they did it again."

Some students, though, do not see the flyers as bad.

"I'd be apathetic to all of it," said Matthew Heerman, graduate student in biochemistry. "I don't have a car, but I wouldn't leave my valuables in plain sight if I did."

Heerman, who lives in a high break-in area, said there are other ways to promote safety, like with public service announcements.

SGA | Student Senate to vote on several allocations at meeting

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rules and SGA statutes. The allocations are more numerous.

Students for Choice heads the procession, followed by the Episcopal Church Student Group and then two allocations to the Appreciation of Bharatiya Heritage and Arts.

A Campus Taking an Initiative on Nonviolence has allocations in two places on the agenda, with allocations for Zeta Phi Beta, Wildcats Against Rape, Golden Key International Honor Society, Kansas Music Teachers Association and Sigma Alpha Iota in between.

An allocation to Ordinary Women and a redraft of an allocation that has been previously voted on for the KSU Aikido Club are the final two allocations on the agenda. These results will not be final, however, until senators vote Thursday night.

Legislation to be introduced at the meeting includes a resolution concerning faculty evaluations, an amendment to the SGA bylaws, a breakdown of student officer compensations and an additional nine allocations.

CITY | Candidates focus on smoking ban, rental inspections

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cause of exposure to secondhand smoke. There's no way I could support a repeal of the ordinance."

Candidate Debbie Nuss, a longtime advocate of city health and proponent of the ban, helped raise awareness about the ban through petitions.

"The risk of secondhand smoke has been documented, and nobody's arguing about that," she said. "Labs are not regulated by a single federal organization, which is why we're going to have to step up as a city to see that this is safe."

Nonprofit worker and candidate Jayme Morris-Hardeman pointed out the problem with the choice-to-smoke argument.

"As patrons you have a choice of where you go, but employees don't always have a choice about where they work."

Another hot topic, Tracey said, is the problem with mass transit. He suggested Junction City and Manhattan work in cooperation with K-State to create a regular bus system.

"We don't need any more debate on this issue. What we need are citizens to approach these city boards and voice their concern and need for a mass transit system," Tracey said.

Loren Pepperd, the only candidate who has never run for office, agreed with the necessity of working with K-State.

"If a private bus system comes in and makes us an offer, then – as a city commissioner – I will listen with open ears, but I'm not going to redirect citizen money if KSU is not willing to pitch in and help out."

One final issue discussed was the possibility

of a city-wide rental inspections ordinance, which had a range of opinions.

Incumbent commissioner Tom Phillips said rental costs would go up because of the inspections.

"Like many things, this is a function of the market to regulate," Phillips said. "When you make landlords pay for more, then that directly raises what they charge their tenants."

Panel members were mainly in agreement: smoking and crummy apartments are bad and students should vote in the elections scheduled for April 7.

COMMITTEE | Funds to go toward local improvements

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PREVENTION AND COMMUNICATION

The committee also approved a \$100,000 investment in personal safety on campus. Alertus is a security company that specializes in centrally controlled building communication systems. Emergency notification beacons would be placed in classrooms, providing students with direct access to law enforcement in an emergency.

SUNSET AVENUE CROSSWALK

Improvement of the Sunset Avenue crosswalk at College Heights Road was also a priority. The \$11,500 request is to be used to install flashing lights similar to the ones already in place on Manhattan Avenue.

CAMPUS SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

Campus sidewalk, bicycle and lighting improvements were first on the committee's priority list.

About \$50,000 of the \$104,300 total will be used to repair sidewalks and increase lighting in the parking lot area north of Water's hall.

Some of the proposed repairs are to property damaged by the June 2008 tornado. The rest of the money would provide an additional 90 on-campus bicycle parking spaces.

GOOD NEIGHBORS PROGRAM

The committee saw fit to allocate \$10,000 to the Good Neighbor Program, whose goal is to improve quality of life for students living off campus and permanent residents in their neighborhoods. This is the third year the program has received special-project-fund money, which is typically used to increase programs and expand.

FLINT HILLS VISITOR'S CENTER

Funding for infrastructure development for a Flint Hills regional visitor's center at the intersection of I-70 and I-177 was also approved. The center is in the early planning stages, and 22 counties in the Flint Hills area are contributing. The center would house basic needs and have information on tourist attractions in the region. The requested \$50,000 would primarily be used to bring water utilities to the area.

CITY/UNIVERSITY TRANSPORTATION

A 2001 transit study needs to be updated for the city to take advantage of transportation funding. The community is expecting a grant that would require 20 percent of the study's cost to be paid for by the community. In this case it would be \$15,000, half of which would be paid from the special projects funds.

CAMPUS TREE WALK/TREE INVENTORY

A campus tree walk and tree inventory program was approved by the committee in the amount of \$5,000. The money would pay for the design and printing of brochures and the creation and placement of signs identifying trees.

POTENTIAL NISTAC SUPPORT

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